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| Title: | Woman with JE city's fourth case in 11 months in district Pune, Maharashtra | | | |
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Already struggling to rein in the rising number of dengue and chikungunya cases, residents must now gear up to combat another mosquito-borne disease — Japanese encephalitis (JE). Though pigs and wild birds are the primary carriers of the JE virus, it is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Recently, the doctors at D Y Patil hospital in Pimpri had sent the blood sample of a 49-year-old woman to National Institute of Virology (NIV) for tests, and the sample tested positive for Japanese encephalitis. The patient is a resident of village Bhoose (Khed taluka), in Pune district.

This is the fourth JE case recorded in Pune in the last 11 months. On June 16, a 10-month-old child from Kondhwa had tested positive for JE. Prior to that, two students in Pune had tested positive for JE in November and December last year.

"The woman suffered from fever and convulsions. She was admitted to D Y Patil Medical College and hospital on September 4. Her blood sample tested positive for JE antibodies (IgM) at NIV on September 20. She is currently undergoing treatment at the hospital's intensive care unit (ICU)," said district malaria officer Suresh Dhekle.

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The woman belongs to the family of ironsmith. "She has three children and a husband. All other family members are healthy. We have carried out fever surveillance in the village and have not found any other fever patient," Dhekle added.

State surveillance officer Pradip Awate said, "This is the second case in Pune this year and fourth since November 2016. We have stepped up surveillance in and around the patient's home."

Experts said the spread of the disease was a cause for concern as it indicates that the virus was circulating in a wider geographical area. In the past, JE cases were mainly reported from the state's eastern districts, including Chandrapur, Gondia, Bhandara, Nagpur and Gadchiroli.

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